

**CITIZEN'S INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)**

***Project Review Committee  
Tuesday, December 7, 2004  
Stephen P. Clark Center  
111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
3:00 p.m.  
Summary of Minutes***

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Thamara Labrousse  
Miles Moss  
Hon. James Reeder

Marc Buoniconti  
Franklin Kelly

**COUNTY ATTORNEY**

Bruce Libhaber

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Nan Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT	Lourdes Gomez, MDT
Pepe Valdés, OCITT	Patty David, OCITT
John Labriola, OCITT	Mayra Bustamante, MDT
David Tinder, PWD	George Navarrete, MDT
Lydia Salas, PRD	Sandra Melean, PWD
Zenaida Hernandez, OCITT	Maria Cerna, MDT
Virginia Diaz, OCITT	Jack Furney, OCITT
D. Gonzalez, MDT	Tom Mesk, US Laboratories
Betty Alexander, DBD	Charis Lubeck
John Prats, OCITT	

**ROLL CALL**

With a quorum present, Mr. Miles Moss, Interim Chairman, called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

At the request of Mr. Moss, Item 6G was moved up to follow 6A on the agenda. Ms. Thamara Labrousse moved to approve the revised agenda; seconded by Mr. James Reeder and carried without dissent.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS**

Ms. Lourdes Gomez, MDT, reported that CUTR will come before members in January 2005 to present findings of a bus operations analysis. A book of the findings will be provided to members when available.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 6A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ACTION AMENDING THE EXISTING CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH HEERY INTERNATIONAL, INC. PROJECT NO. A00-PARK-02-05, TO INCLUDE THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN AS AN APPROVED FUNDING SOURCE (*Pubic Works Department*)

Mr. Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney, stated that the \$235,000 (surtax share) estimate for design that is included in the manager's memo is binding because the memo is incorporated as part of the resolution. David Tinder, PWD, stated that the County is treating the 157<sup>th</sup> Avenue project as two separate projects to expedite it. The two segments run from 112<sup>th</sup> to 120<sup>th</sup> Street and from 120<sup>th</sup> to 136<sup>th</sup> Street. This resolution addresses the northern segment. The County Parks and Recreation Department is designing a park along the same corridor. To expedite the road project, the Public Works Department is using the park project consultant to help design the road.

Mr. Moss called the action item 6A and it carried without dissent.

- 6G. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ACTION, AUTHORIZING A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PROVIDE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN FUNDING FOR THE DESIGN OF NW 74<sup>TH</sup> STREET FROM NW 107<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE TO NW 87<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE (*Public Works Department*)

Mr. Tinder stated that this project will provide a connector between the Turnpike and the 826 by filling a gap between 107<sup>th</sup> and 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue and allowing the Turnpike to put an interchange at 74<sup>th</sup> Street. The plan calls for a 4-lane section but the hope is to go to 6 lanes. FDOT is studying the corridor. The County is using FDOT's consultant to design the corridor in order to expedite the project. Part of the FDOT design is looking at the possibility of a 126-foot section for a busway.

Mr. Reeder asked if the County has placed any restrictions on the acquisition by private interests of right-of-way to be used in the project. Mr. Tinder said the County has identified property owners and developers along the corridor who have agreed to donate portions of the right-of-way as long as the County develops it. The County needs FDOT approval to increase the roadway from 80 to 126 feet to accommodate three lanes in each direction, plus bicycle and bus lanes, etc. The Court will not support an order of taking in an eminent domain case if plans are not at least 90 percent complete. Mr. Moss called for a vote on action item 6G. Ms. Labrousse moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Marc Buoniconti and carried without dissent.

Mr. Tinder said the department would provide members with the minority makeup of contractors and subcontractors on the project.

- 6B. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ACTION APPROVING THE USE OF SURTAX FUNDS FOR SMALL PURCHASE ORDERS USED BY MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT FOR PURCHASES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2004  
*(Miami-Dade Transit)*

Mr. Moss noted that the next six items are to go before the Budget and Finance Committee. Mr. Buoniconti stated that there was no need to discuss them before this committee. Ms. Nan Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT, said small purchase orders could in the future be placed only before the Budget and Finance Committee. 6B was deferred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

- 6C. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ACTION, AWARDING CONTRACTS, SUB ITEMS 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 1.5 AND 3.1 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT'S COMMODITIES AND SERVICES CONTRACT AWARDS, FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS AND COMPETITIVE BID WAIVERS FOR MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT *(Miami-Dade Transit)*

Committee members asked if the surtax was being charged through the allocation formula or as a percentage of the purchase cost. Ms. Gomez said the allocation formula was being used. The item was deferred to the Budget and Finance Committee.

- 6D. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ACTION AUTHORIZING A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$444,114 FOR THE EXTENSION OF SIX EXISTING BUS ROUTES TO THE KENDALL TOWN CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA *(Miami-Dade Transit)*

Mr. Buoniconti noted that one of the routes to be expanded, Route 72, is not a PTP project. Mr. Libhaber said the JPA could be passed and the PTP could be subsequently amended. Ms. Labrousse moved to approve 6D; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent. Mr. Buoniconti moved to amend the PTP to include Route 72; seconded by Mr. Franklin Kelly and carried without dissent. The amendment will be taken up by the full CITT on Dec. 29, 2004.

- 6E. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZEN'S INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S ACTION AUTHORIZING A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE STATE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$280,000 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE 79<sup>TH</sup> STREET MAX AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA *(Miami-Dade Transit)*

Mr. Jack Furney, OCITT, said the County is going from a system of charging the PTP surtax only for direct cost to a fully allocated system that includes overhead costs. Mayra Bustamante, MDT, acknowledged the change, saying that the addition of a large number of service miles has incurred administrative overhead. She also noted that support for existing services from the state is down because the state only reimburses for direct cost. Mr. Buoniconti moved for approval of 6E; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

Ms. Bustamante pointed out an error in the language of 6C, which should have read that federal funds would be used to the extent possible. The language will be amended before going to the Budget and Finance Committee.

6F. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZEN'S INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ACTION EXECUTING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP, TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE NORTH CORRIDOR, CONTRACT NO. TR05-NCPE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,900,929.53 (*Miami-Dade Transit*)

George Navarrete, MDT, stated that the surtax will pay for 25 percent of the \$13 million cost. The federal government will not commit funds until the County's design is at least 50 percent complete. If other funding sources do not materialize, MDT will seek 100 percent from the PTP. Ms. Bustamante said without federal funds, the corridor cannot be built. Mr. Navarrete stated that MDT will only come back to the CITT on the project if more funds are needed. Mr. Buoniconti moved to approve the item, but requested to continue discussion at the Budget and finance Committee Meeting; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

Ms. Markowitz addressed the tentative 2005 meeting calendar. The committee's consensus was to hold the Project Review Committee and Budget and Finance Committee meetings on separate weeks. Mr. Buoniconti suggested the Compliance and Oversight Committee and the External Affairs Committee meet back to back. Ms. Markowitz said members will be provided a tentative schedule by the end of the week. It will be subject to change based on the final County Commission schedule.

Mr. Moss then addressed his concerns about school zone flashing signals. For any future schools, this will be a school board responsibility. But the PTP could still be charged about \$1 million per year for existing schools. MPO provided a Washington study that concluded flashing signals are not effective. Mr. Moss said the use of solar-powered flashers is also an option. The school board would like this device tested and may come up with funding. Mr. Moss also addressed the Neighborhood Speed Watch Program, in which volunteers use a portable radar device to monitor speeding and report speeders to the police.

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Project Review Committee meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2004 at 1:30 PM at the Stephen P. Clark Center, 111 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

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